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SUBJECT: DRAFT OF WHO-PROPOSED DECLARATION AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ALMA ATA CONFERENCE

1. THIS MATERIAL WAS OBTAINED FROM WHO AND WILL FORM BASIS
FOR DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE. IT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN
GENERAL CIRCULATION, ALTHOUGH USSR HAS RECEIVED IT.

2. EXCERPTS FROM DOCUMENT FOLLOW.

-- DRAFT OF DECLARATION
-- I.

HEALTH IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AND ITS ATTAINMENT IS A
WORLDWIDE SOCIAL GOAL.

-- II.

THE EXISTING INEQUALITY BETWEEN AND WITHIN COUNTRIES IN
THE HEALTH STATUS OF THE PEOPLE IS POLITICALLY, SOCIALLY
AND ECONOMICALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND IS, THEREFORE, OF
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COMMON CONCERN TO ALL COUNTRIES.

-- III.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BASED ON THE NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, IS OF BASIC IMPORTANCE TO THE
FULLEST ATTAINMENT OF HEALTH FOR ALL.

-- IV.

THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE
IS ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAINED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS
AND CONTRIBUTES TO WORLD PEACE.

-- V.

THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO PARTICIPATE IN-
DIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENT-
ATION OF THEIR HEALTH CARE.

-- VI.

GOVERNMENTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HEALTH OF THEIR
PEOPLES WHICH CAN BE FULFILLED ONLY BY THE PROVISION OF
ADEQUATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL MEASURES.

-- VII.

A MAIN SOCIAL TARGET OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE COMING DECADES
SHOULD BE THE ATTAINMENT BY ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD BY
THE YEAR 2000 OF A LEVEL OF HEALTH THAT WILL PERMIT THEM
TO LEAD A SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY PRODUCTIVE LIFE.

-- VIII.

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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IS THE KEY TO ACHIEVING AN ACCEPTABLE
LEVEL OF HEALTH FOR ALL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN THE FORE-
SEEABLE FUTURE AS PART OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE
SPIRIT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE.

-- IX.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IS ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE UNIVERSALLY
ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY
BY MEANS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, THROUGH THEIR FULL PARTICIPA-
TION AND AT A COST THAT THE COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY CAN
AFFORD. IT FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART BOTH OF THE COUNTRY'S
HEALTH SYSTEM OF WHICH IT IS THE NUCLEUS AND OF OVERALL
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-- X.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ADDRESSES THE MAIN HEALTH PROBLEMS IN
THE COMMUNITY, PROVIDING PROMOTIVE, PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES ACCORDINGLY;.... (THEN LISTS
COMPONENT PARTS OF PHC) .

-- XI.

ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD FORMULATE NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS IN ORDER TO LAUNCH AND SUSTAIN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER SECTORS.

-- XII.

ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD COOPERATE IN A SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP

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TO ENSURE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL SINCE THE ATTAINMENT OF HEALTH BY PEOPLE IN ANY ONE COUNTRY DIRECTLY CONCERNS AND BENEFITS EVERY OTHER COUNTRY.

-- XIII.

CONFIDENT THAT THE FULLER AND BETTER UTILIZATION OF THE WORLD'S HEALTH RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVE OF HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000 CAN BE SECURED BY EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ACTION, THE CONFERENCE CALLS UPON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL, NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, FUNDING AGENCIES AND OTHER PARTNERS IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND TO CHANNEL INCREASED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO IT. THE CONFERENCE CALLS UPON WHO AND UNICEF TO COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENTS IN THIS GREAT TASK.

-- DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

...THAT GOVERNMENTS COORDINATE THE HEALTH RELATED ACTIVIT-
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IES OF ALL SECTORS WITH THE HEALTH SECTOR, ENSURING THAT
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IS PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED AS AN
INTEGRAL PART OF NATIONAL PLANS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

2. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND HEALTH

...THAT GOVERNMENTS INTRODUCE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AS AN
INTEGRAL PART OF RURAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES...

3. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT GOVERNMENTS ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO
ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE NECESSARY PROCESSES... SO THAT
INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ASSUME THEIR
RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, AND PARTICIPATE
IN THE PLANNING, ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH.

4. THE ROLE OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT
PROCESS

...THAT GOVERNMENTS STRENGTHEN THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE
FUNCTIONS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH DECENTRALIZATION TO INTER-
MEDIATE LEVELS,.....

5. COMPONENTS OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES SHOULD INCLUDE AT
LEAST THE PROMOTION OF PROPER NUTRITION, ADEQUATE SUPPLY
OF SAFE WATER, BASIC SANITATION, MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE,
INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING, IMMUNIZATION AGAINST THE MAJOR
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF LOCALLY
ENDEMIC DISEASES, EDUCATION CONCERNING THE NATURE AND
PREVENTION OF PREVAILING HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND APPROPRIATE
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TREATMENT FOR COMMON DISEASES AND INJURIES, AND SHOULD
PROVIDE PROMOTIVE, PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE AND REHABILIT-
ATIVE SERVICES AS APPROPRIATE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

6. COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

...THAT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM, THE GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE THE NEED AND PRIORITY FOR ACTIONS ORIENTED TOWARDS THE STRENGTHENING OF THE SYSTEM....

7. SUPPORT TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE BY ALL LEVELS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

...THAT GOVERNMENTS DEVELOP PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AS THE HUB OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM, REORIENTING THE EXISTING SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT ALL LEVELS GIVE INTEGRATED SUPPORT TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE...

8. HEALTH WORKERS FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT GOVERNMENTS GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE HEALTH MANPOWER, WORKING IN VARIOUS COMBINATIONS AS A TEAM, THAT THEY UTILIZE ALL CATEGORIES OF HEALTH WORKERS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONERS WHERE APPLICABLE,....

9. THE ROLE OF THE MEDICAL, NURSING AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

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...THAT GOVERNMENTS ENSURE CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT OF MEDICAL, NURSING AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN THE

PROMOTION, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE....

10. APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH

...THAT GOVERNMENTS DEVELOP AND APPLY HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES AND METHODS WHICH ARE SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND, ADAPTED TO LOCAL NEEDS, UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED BY THE COMMUNITY AND APPLIED AT A COST THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTRY CAN AFFORD;

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11. ESSENTIAL DRUGS AND SUPPLIES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT GOVERNMENTS IDENTIFY, PLAN FOR, DEVELOP AND ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS AND VACCINES....

12. HEALTH FACILITIES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT PRIORITY BE GIVEN IN NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PLANS TO APPROPRIATE HEALTH FACILITIES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORTING LEVELS OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM.

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13. MANAGERIAL PROCESSES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD DEVELOP AND APPLY AT ALL LEVELS APPROPRIATE MANAGERIAL PROCESSES AND CAPABILITIES TO PLAN FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, ALLOCATE RESOURCES TO IT, CONTROL AND EVALUATE PROGRAMMES AND PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION SUPPORT, AND SHOULD PROVIDE TRAINING OF HEALTH WORKERS OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES IN THE APPLICATION OF THESE PROCESSES RELATED TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

14. FINANCING OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT GOVERNMENTS INCREASE THE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO HEALTH, GIVING PRIORITY IN ALLOCATING BUDGETARY RESOURCES TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND ENSURING THE FULLEST USE OF ALL AVAILABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

15. HEALTH RESEARCH FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT GOVERNMENTS GIVE PRIORITY IN THEIR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES TO RESEARCH AIMED AT ENSURING THAT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IS PROGRESSIVELY IMPROVED AND DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM.

16. NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT GOVERNMENTS EXPRESS THEIR POLITICAL WILL AND MAKE
A CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AS AN
INTEGRAL PART OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,....

17. NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

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...THAT GOVERNMENTS DEFINE THEIR NATIONAL POLICIES AND
STRATEGIES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TO ENSURE THE ACCESS
OF THE TOTAL POPULATION TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

18. TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT COUNTRIES COOPERATE AMONG THEMSELVES FOR THE PRO-
MOTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE
SHARING OF INFORMATION, EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING FACILITIES
USING NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AS PART OF TECHNICAL COOPE-
RATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THAT INDUSTRIAL-
IZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALSO COOPERATE FOR HEALTH
AND DEVELOPMENT.

19. INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

...THAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MULTILATERAL AND
BILATERAL AGENCIES, NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, FUNDING
AGENCIES AND OTHER PARTNERS IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ACTING
IN A COORDINATED MANNER SHOULD ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT
NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND SHOULD
CHANNEL INCREASED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT INTO IT,

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WITH FULL RESPECT FOR THE COORDINATION OF THESE RESOURCES
BY COUNTRIES IN A SPIRIT OF SELFRELIANCE.

20. THE ROLE OF WHO AND UNICEF IN SUPPORTING PRIMARY
HEALTH CARE IN MEMBER STATES

...THAT WHO AND UNICEF FORMULATE A PLAN OF ACTION FOR
SUPPORTING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN MEMBER STATES. THIS PLAN
OF ACTION SHOULD PROMOTE AND FACILITATE THE MUTUAL SUPPORT
OF COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE USE OF NATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS, ENABLING COUNTRIES TO APPLY PRIMARY HEALTH
CARE AS PART OF THEIR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT IN THE SPIRIT
OF SELF-RELIANCE. THE PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD BE ORIENTED
BY THE DECLARATION OF ALMA ATA AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
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